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## **The Operation Of Federally-Owned Vehicles Consigned To The Connecticut National Guard**

### **Sec. 14-49-1. Federally-owned vehicles of national guard need not display number plates**

No federally-owned vehicle in use by the Connecticut national guard will be required to display Connecticut number plates. The department of defense, department of army or department of air force serial number assigned to such vehicles will be considered the registration number. Such vehicles will be recorded with the commissioner of motor vehicles. The size of the numerals of the registration number shall be a minimum of two and one-half inches in height with one-half inch stroke. Numbers shall be stenciled on both sides of the hood.

(See G.S. §14-49 (o).)

### **Sec. 14-49-2. Uniform to be worn by driver**

Uniforms will be worn by all motor vehicle drivers when operating such vehicles. The uniform may be as directed by the driver's immediate commanding officer, but in any case shall be a complete uniform.

### **Sec. 14-49-3. Operator's license required**

No one may operate a military motor vehicle who has not been issued a motor vehicle operator's license by the motor vehicle department, state of Connecticut. The operator shall also have an army motor vehicle operator's permit, issued by the unit commander, and both operator's license and army permit shall be carried by the driver at all times while he is operating military motor vehicles.

### **Sec. 14-49-4. Operator subject to state laws and regulations**

The operator of a military vehicle is subject to all penalties for any violation of Connecticut motor vehicle laws or regulations, the same as when operating regularly Connecticut-registered vehicles.

## **Operation Of Service Buses**

### **Sec. 14-49-5. Operation of service buses**

(a) A commercial vehicle, bus or any other type of vehicle owned and used for the transportation of the employees of the registrant without charge to the individual and when engaged in the business of the registrant shall be registered as a "service bus" if eight or more persons are to be transported.

(b) Any vehicle that is rented or leased by a farm or plantation owner or other owner and used for the transportation of employees of the lessee only shall be registered as a "service bus" in the name of the lessor.

(c) Each occupant of a service bus shall be provided adequate seating space on a suitable seat or bench and in no case shall occupants be permitted or compelled to sit on the floor of the vehicle body.

(d) \*\*\* *With the exception of the seating arrangements in vehicles designed solely for the purpose of carrying passengers* all \*\*\* seats or benches provided for \*\*\* passengers (not the driver or occupants of the cab) *on service buses* shall run lengthwise with the body; and the standard eight-foot body shall not be equipped with more than three rows of seats or benches while the standard "pickup" body type shall be limited to two rows.

(e) All trucks transporting labor shall be equipped with adequate side racks and tail gate or rack, except that a chain or bar at a height of about three feet above the floor may be substituted for the tail gate on "pickup" body trucks. Stake body trucks shall be provided with a gate for entrance and exit, which shall be closed securely when the vehicle is in motion. All gates shall be equipped with a latch that may be opened, in case of emergency, by an occupant of the truck.

(f) A ladder for entrance and exit shall be provided and shall have treads, which treads shall not be less than four inches wide and sixteen inches long and not more than twelve inches apart, except that the lowest tread shall not exceed in height the lowest part of the axle housing of the truck. All removable ladders shall be equipped with hooks that attach to the truck body to prevent its slipping while in use. Ladders that are removable shall be carried on the outside of the truck when carrying passengers. Ladders that are permanently attached shall be properly braced. *The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to vehicles designed solely for the purpose of carrying passengers or where all passengers are carried in the cab.*

(g) Each conveyance shall be equipped with suitable covering of water repellant material for use during inclement weather.

(h) Each vehicle shall be operated by a Connecticut licensed motor vehicle operator, who shall be at least eighteen years of age.

(i) All vehicles shall be kept in proper repair and in safe, clean and sanitary condition. The registrant shall cause such vehicles to be inspected frequently to ensure that brakes, steering apparatus, lighting and all other equipment are in safe operating condition.

(j) No operator of any motor vehicle used for the transport of persons shall take on or discharge passengers while the vehicle is in motion.

(k) Before crossing any railway tracks the operator of each motor vehicle used for the transport of persons shall stop the vehicle, look and listen carefully to guard against conflict with approaching trains and, with proper caution, may then proceed to cross the tracks, but in no event shall such operator shift gears while doing so.

(l) No vehicle used for the transport of persons shall be fueled while passengers are in the vehicle nor while the motor is operating.

(m) When accepting or discharging passengers each vehicle used for the transport of persons shall be stopped on the extreme right-hand side of the street or highway to safeguard occupants entering or leaving the vehicle.

(n) \*\*\* Any school bus to be placed in permanent operation in labor transport shall be painted a color other than the school bus chrome yellow.

(Effective September 26, 1967)

(See G.S. §§ 14-1(41), 14-29, 14-49(p).)

## Farm Registrations for Motor Vehicles

### **Sec. 14-49-6. Requirements for farm registration. Revocation of registration**

(a) Beginning on the effective date of this regulation and until January 1, 1999, every applicant for a new or renewal farm registration for a motor vehicle shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) The applicant shall submit a signed application on a form or in a format prescribed by the commissioner;

(2) The applicant shall pay the fee required by law;

(3) The applicant shall submit proof to the commissioner that he is operating a farm, and that the farm had gross annual sales of two thousand five hundred dollars

(\$2,500.00) or more in the calendar year preceding such application for registration. Such proof shall consist of one of the following:

(A) A copy of a current Farmer's Sales Tax Exempt Permit issued by the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (Form OR-248). A current Permit is one that has been issued no earlier than the first day of October of the year preceding the application for registration; or,

(B) A copy of the prior year's Federal Income Tax Form 1040F in the name of the applicant; or,

(C) Documents acceptable to the commissioner proving that the applicant is operating a farm having the gross annual sales required to qualify for farm registration. The commissioner may require that the documents be certified, or be reviewed and verified by a certified public accountant.

(4) The applicant shall be the same person, firm or corporation identified on the Sales Tax Exempt Permit or other documents submitted in accordance with subdivision (3), except that if the motor vehicle is leased, a farm registration may be issued to the owner thereof if the person operating the farm and identified on the documents is listed on the registration as the lessee. A farm registration may be issued to joint applicants who are individual persons, provided that one of the applicants is the person operating the farm as identified on the documents.

(5) The applicant shall sign, under penalty of false statement, a certification that the vehicle will be used exclusively for farming purposes as defined in subsection (c), and shall not be used for the purpose of transporting goods for hire, or for taking the on-the-road skills test portion of an examination for a motor vehicle operator's license.

(b) On and after January 1, 1999, an applicant for a renewal farm registration shall not be required to submit a copy of the documents as required by subdivision (3) of subsection (a), provided that he submits to the commissioner a current Sales Tax Exemption Permit number.

(c) A motor vehicle is used for farming purposes when it is used in connection with the raising and harvesting of any agricultural or horticultural commodity, dairy farming, forestry, the raising of livestock and poultry, or the raising and harvesting of fish, oysters, clams, mussels or other molluscan shellfish. Farming purposes shall not include, inter alia, personal use, non-farm business, pleasure, recreation, or commuting to school or to non-farm employment. A motor vehicle is also used for farming purposes when it is delivering agricultural and horticultural commodities, or other farm products, from the farm to market or to a customer.

(d) Upon receipt of reliable evidence that a person to whom the commissioner has issued a farm registration has not used the motor vehicle exclusively for farming purposes, or has otherwise misused the farm registration, the commissioner may summon the registrant to a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, and may revoke such farm registration upon a finding of use otherwise than provided by law.

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